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WICHITA, KANSAS, FRIDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 28, 1890.

WHOLE NO. 1799.

123 to 127 N. Main Street.

This is correct. The 19th century ends at 12 o'clock at night December 31, 1900. A cold reception our spring wraps and jackets will get, they will arrive today-prices from \$1.50 to \$15.00. Remember this

Munson & McNamara.

COLE&JONES

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WITH GREAT EFFECT!

The Slaughter is beyond the Power of a Detailed Description Thousands of Dollars worth of Mens', Boys' and Children's Clothing must be Sold before March 15.

The Bargains offered are Seized with Wolf Like Voracity by all Classes of Humanity. You never saw so many Great In-ducements. Come and see the Goods.

All Children's Overcoats at One-Half Former Price

\$5 overcoats going at \$3 50 \$12 and \$14 overcoats going at \$8. \$15 overcoats going at \$10. \$18 overcoats going at \$12.

\$20 Chinchilla overcoats going at \$11. The above will give you a slight idea of the immense cut we have made on our overcoats.

We are now in the Midst of the

GREATEST SUIT SALE

Ever inaugurated on this continet, having selected out a desirable lot of Worsted, Cassimere and Cheviot Suits, worth all the way from \$20 to \$30, have placed them on a separate table and will give you choice for \$15.
Dispatch is the Soul of Business. Do not

Linger! Do not Tarry! Be Quick! Buy Now! Bargains Await You!

COLE & JONES.

The One Price Clothiers,

208, 210 and 212 DOUGLAS AVENUE, WICHITA, KANSAS.

REMNANT DAY

THE ARCADE

Remnants of Everyteing at remnant Prices.

COME!

THE RUBBER TRUST. NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—A meeting of the representatives of the leading manufacturers of rubber boots and shoes was held at the Windsor hotel yesterday. Nearly all the importers of rubber were also represented. The meeting was held with closed doors. Upon its adjourement one of the delegates said: "Owing to the short supply of rubber and the consequent ad-vance in price, the manufacturers have met to determine upon prices for the com-

supply of rubber and the consequent advance in price, the manufacturers have met to determine upon prices for the coming season and are endeavoring to perfect a rubber trust." It was said that arrangements would be perfected today at a second meeting. Down town importers say that the rubber is steadily advancing and that advices from Para are to the effect that none is being gathered; consequently a bare market is the immediate prospect.

WESTERN EXCURSIONS.

The Passenger Agents Discussing the Committee's Recommendation.

CRICAGO, Ill., Feb. 27.-The general pasenger agents of the western roads spent today considering the recommendations of their committee that harvest excursions be restricted to two in August, two in September and one in October and sug-gesting that the request of the trans-Mis-souri lines relative to home seekers ex-cursions be declined. No agreement had een reached at the hour of adjournment.

THE ASTOR WEALTH CONSOLIDATED. NEW YORK, Feb. 27.-The admission to probate of the will of the late John Jacob Aster yesterday, makes William Waldorf Astor the wealthiest man in America, if not in the world. The estates of John Jacob Astor and William Waldorf Astor,

Fox Son

JUST ARRIVED

10 pieces Figured Henriettas, a big bargain at 50 cents.

100 dozen stainless hose at 25c. We guarantee them.

50 pieces Jaconet and Swiss Flouncing at just half prics.

10 pieces 54-inch Henriettas at 77c. We will match your dollar goods with them.

"NEW YORK OFFICE, Feb. 25, 1800. T. L. Fox & Son, Wichita, Kansas.

Have just bought and shipped you a manufacturer's samples of ladies' vests, silk and lisie, worth 50 to 75c. Sell them of 95c each.

I. B. Fox."

FOX & SON



BOIES' ADDRESS.

The Railway Monopoly and Prohibition Farce Dealt With-

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 26.-The inauguration of Governor Boies this afternoon was carried out with great enthusiasm among the Democrats. Visitors had come from all over the state and from other states, ginia. the most noteworthy delegation being the St. Joseph, Mo., Jefferson club, 150 strong, and the Cook County Democratic club, of Chicago, 250 strong. The inauguration procession was formed at the Savory house and then marched to the capitol. The galleries were crowded when the gubernatorial party entered the hall of the house of representatives. Both branches of the legislature were in joint session. The oath of office was taken by the governor and lieutenant governor, and then Governor Boies read his inaugural address concerning the railroad situation.

Governor Boies said that before the pres-

ent laws the railroads were not satisfied with remunerative dividends upon the money actually invested, but they watered the stock of their corporations, sold it at prices far below its face value and then undertook to conduct business on a basis that would return dividents on these imparison; upostuments. aginary investments. To accomplish this individual and public rights alike were often sacrificed. Odious discriminations were repeatedly practiced. Towns and cities in one part of the state were favored at the expense of those in other localities, wherever this would operate to no wrong to the railway interest of the state that the people desired. They only demanded that their own interests should be fairly treated. No one overlooked the fact that to the railroads they were indebted for the wonderful development of the state. It was greater facilities for transportation that lowa most needed. She should help hasten the days when the water of our great lakes would be turned from their course and made to mingle with those of the nighty river that class-

the capital of citizens had been invested in the business and then it had been coldly wiped out without an effort to compensate those who were ruined. Whenever the law had been enforced the owners had been impoverished, in his judgment the chief obstacle to the enforcement of the law lay in the fact that it was a cruel violation of one of the most valued of human rights. It was impossi-ble to read the platform of the respective parties without reaching the conclusion that no political issue was ever more clearly defined, more thoroughly discussed and better understood by the more clearly defined, more thoroughly discussed and better understood by the masses than that relating to this question, in the campaign which precedes the last election. The people of lowa and, through the only needium known to them for settling political issues, passed judgment on this question. They were, therefore, bound in henor to furnish for these localities desiring it a most carefully formed itemse law. The greatest care should be taken, of course, to keep the traffic out of the hands of improper parties. What lowa needed was practical legislation on the subject; legislation that was broad enough to cover more than the views of a single to cover more than the views of a single A Bill to Regulate the Traffic in and-

CANADIAN CUSTOMS REVISION.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Feb. 27.-It is learned in reliable quarters that there is to be a complete revision of the customs tariff. Probably one of the most important changes affecting the United States will be an increase of from 50 to 50 cents a har-rel on wheat flour and the removal of duty on Ladian corn imported into Canada from the United States. At present the duty on wheat flour is only so cents per barrel, while the duty on the quantity of wheat required to make one barrel of flour is 70 cents. As they have to import large quantities of American wheat, the Outario government is protesting against the inequality in the duty and the discrimination in favor of the importation of American flour, against which they can not compete.

A JUDGE SELECTED.

THE PRESIDENT NOMINATES JUS-TICE BREWER'S SUCCESSOR.

Henry C. Caldwell, of Arkansas, Chosen to Fill the Eighth Circuit Judgship.

25 pieces Figured Silks at 59c Atkinson Seated by the House as Repre-Just the thing for combination sentative from the First West sentative from the First West Virginia District-

> Senator Paddock Introduces a Bill Establishing a Bureau of Animal Industry and Providing for the Extirpation of Contagious Diseases-Pensions and Postmasters for Kansas and the Tertory-Notes, etc.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.-The president today sent to the senate the following

Henry C. Caldwell, of Arkansas, to United States circuit judge for the Eighth circuit, vice David Brewer, resigned. Postmasters-Missouri: Elias S. Bed-ford, Huntsville; William D. Cummins, Clarksville; Harry C. Demuth, Sedalia; Joseph Stampfler, Jefferson City. Kansas: Solomon R. Washer, Atchison; Preston S. Abbott, Greensburg.

ATKINSON SEATED.

The Contestant Victorious in the First West Virginia District.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.-Immediately after the reading and approval of the journal, Mr. Rowell, of Illinois, called up the contested election case of Atkinson vs. Pendleton and the floor was accorded to the contestee, Pendleton. He said that he felt it his duty to speak in his own behalf, although he knew that he was ad-dressing a jury whose prejudice was against him. He reviewed the evidence in detail, controverting the statements made by the supporters of the majority report and in conclusion reiterated his declara-tion that he had been fairly and honestly elected in the First district of West Vir

Mr. Cooper, of Ohio, closed the debate with an argument in support of the claim of the contestant.

The vote was taken on the minority resolution declaring Pendleton entitled to the seat. It was defeated—yeas 142, nays

125. a strictly party vote.

The vote then recurred on the majority resolution seating Atkinson. The Democrats refrained from voting, their object

WARMUTH UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—By what is uncrease refrained from voting, their object being to have the contestant seated by less than a quorum, so that the question of the right of the speaker to count a quo-rum may be taken before the courts. The vote resulted yeas 162, nays 0 (the speaker

counting a quorum).

Mr. O'Ferrall, of Virginia, raised the point of no quorum, but the speaker ignored him and the newly elected member appeared at the bar of the house and took the oath of office, amid applause on the

the state. It was greater facilities for transportation that lowa most needed. She should help hasten the days when the water of our great lakes would be turned from their course and made to mingle with those of the mighty river that claped her in their giant arms.

A considerable portion of the message is devoted to be tariff; the present high protective tariff is condemned, as are also the trivits and combines.

Coming to the question of prohibition the governor stated that the prohibitory laws had been despised, disregarded and ignored in most of the large clips of the state from the day of 128 birth down to the present time. The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage had not been diminished. Millions and millions of the capital of civizens had been invested in the business and then it had been coldly wiped out without an effort to compensate those who were ruined. Whenever the law had been enforced the owners had been impoverished, In his indegment. William Nichols. Within Nichols. Wi Augustus: W. S. Cotton. Stnart; J. Everett. Sedan; W. H. Moore, Hays City; M. Seqier, Norton; J. G. Davis, Howard; William Nichols, Wichita. August C. D. Wilson, Richfield; C. W. Barkhnrist, Me-Cune; G. W. Fulton, Kingsley; M. D. Godfrey, Circleville; R. S. Tilton, Beioit; W. L. Stackhouse, Netawaka; H. H. Pulliam, Redfield; F. W. Brown, Atwood; S. L. Byrd, Jacksonburg; B. B. Rice, Corwin; William H. Whitecation, Dover; I. H. Barnett, Richfield; W. I. Brown, Fairview, John Green, Burlington; P. W. Philips, Sedan; A. E. Guyer, Pamono; J. A. Hammers, Anthony; C. Frank, Scammonville; Sam Sisson, Wilsey: William E. Garrison, Edgerton; T. V. Franck, Vidette; Charles B. Richmire, Beaumont, Widows—Elizabeth Ross, Canton; Mary A. Ferg, Hopler, and an increase to W. T. Sharp, Oklahoma City, and to Charles Dobson, Vinita, in the Indian territory.

TO SUPPRESS DISEASE.

Handling of Live Stock.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.-Senator Paddock oday introduced a bill for the establishment of a bureau of animal industry, to prevent the exportation of diseased cattle and to provide for the suppression and extirpation of pleuro-pneumonia and other

Jacob Astor and William Waldorf Astor, consolidated by yesterday's proceedings.

HARCOURT'S HAPPY COMPARISON, the experiment of live stores, are believed to be equivalent to \$00,000. William Woldorf Astor is the only living person who can tell the precise value of the estate or what his father was actually worth. Mr. Southmay, who was an executor of the last will of John Jacob Astor's father, said yesterday that he did not reflectly majority in the German to know how much John Jacob Astor's father, said yesterday that he did not reflectly majority in the German to know how much John Jacob Astor's father, said yesterday that he did not reflectly majority in the German to know how much John Jacob Astor's father, said yesterday that he did not reflectly majority in the German to result of the father of the father provides that in order to promote the expertation of live stores, at current values of the company. Lasterial possible to be equivalent to \$00,000. William Waldorf Astor is the only living person who can tell the precise of the sure of the sure will person to be equivalent to \$00,000. William Woldorf Astor is the only William Vernon Harcourt compared the lessening of the government majority in the lessening of the government majority in the German to provide the transportation, at the company of steams of the father provides that in order to promote the expertation of live stores, the secretary shall make special investigation into the subject along the dividing output going into store.

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NEW Tork, Feb. 27.—A call has been issued to all local branches of the Afro. New Tork, Feb. 27.—A call has been into the control of the Bismarch Cribune.

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ious. It shall be the duty of the secretary to give notice through the newspapers of the existence in any locality of contagious discusse, and he shall also notify all trans-portation companies of this fact.

A STATUE FOR COLUMBUS. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- Among the bills reported from committees and placed on the calendar were the following: House bill to extend to the port of San

Antonio, Tex., the privileges of the act as to the immediate transportation of dutia-The senate bill to establish certain ports of delivery in Alaska.

A bill was passed for the erection and lo-cation of a bronze statue of Christopher Columbus and the removal of the naval monument to a new site. The bill appro-priates \$75,000 and fixes as the site for the priates \$75,000 and fixes as the site for the statue the circle on the western entrance to the capitol on Pennsylvania avenue, where the naval menument now stands. The latter is to be removed to the triangle bounded by Connecticut avenue and Twentieth and Q streets. The contract is to be masic by the secretary of the navy, the chairman of the joint committee on the library and the architect of the capitol. The senate then proceeded to the consideration of the hill to declare necessaries.

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The senate then proceeded to the consideration of the bill to declare unlawful trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and productions.

Mr. George opposed the bill both on the ground of its inefficiency (if the bill was constitutional) and on the ground that congress had not the constitutional power to constitutional

Mr. Reagan gave notice of an amend-ment which he intended to offer to the bill (being the bill offered by him on the 4th of December last). The bill went over with-After an executive session the senate ad-

ANDERSON'S FORECLOSURE BILL. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.-Representative Anderson, of Kansas, today appeared before the house committee on Pacific railroads to urge favorable action upon his

CLEVELAND SELLS OAKVIEW.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Evening Star says that C. B. Nowlands, representing what is known as the California syndicate, has purchased from ex-President Cleveland his country place on Tennalytown road, near the city, known as "Oak-view." The price paid for the bouse and about twenty-nine acres of land was \$140.-000. Mr. Cleveland is said to have realized on this sale a clear profit of about \$100,000.

INDIAN DEPREDATION CLAIMS. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.-Senator Moody,

of South Dakota, today introduced a bill to appropriate \$023,148 to enable the secretary of the treasury to pay the claims investigated, approved and reported to congress by the secretary of the interior under the the Indian deprenations act of 1885.

derstood to be a practically unanimous vote the senate committee on commerce today ordered a favorable report on the nomination of ex-Goyernor Warmouth, to be collector of customs at New Orleans.

THE SENATE'S GREAT CAUTION. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 .- The Dolph inestigating committee today continued its inquiry into the methods by which pro-Republican side.
Bills were introduced as follows:
To amend the world's fair bill so as to require at least two of the board of control to be women.

Secondary of the Chite Press; George Bain, of the Chite Press; M. G. Secondorff, of the New Chite Press; M. G. Secondorff, of the Ne ceedings of executive sessions of the senate became public. Jules Guthridge, of the often sacrificed. Odious discriminations were repeatedly practiced. Towns and were repeatedly practiced. Towns and experimental station in Okladicities in one part of the state were favored at the expense of those in other localities, wherever this would operate to the advantage of the railway company. It was a dangerous power that the proper distribution and they abused it. Unless indiciously exercised, it might become a dangerous power that the people have assumed, and care that the people desired. They only demanded that ther own interests should demanded that ther own interests should an one of the state that the people desired. They only demanded that ther own interests should be also an experimental station in Oklabina and office in reversing the decision of the local office in the content of the Kingfisher Town Site company vs. Williams In Oklahoma and elsewhere, will have no perceptible effect upon the title of the kingfisher from Site of the New York Times, and Frank A. Depucy, of the New York Times, and Frank A. Depucy, of the New York Times and extended that they of the Kingfisher Town Site company vs. Williams in Oklahoma and elsewhere, will have no percepti resigned; and in Kansas—Beardsley, Raw lins country, S. J. Gordon, vice M. J. Sowa, resigned; Waco, Sedgwick county, J. F. Watson, vice J. Geilkman, resigned; watch kept over them until the sentence of Walker, Ellis county, J. B. Hensley, vice Toffer, resigned; Willard, Shawnee country, T. H. Coppe, vice C. I. Higgins, resigned, Pensions granted to Kansans are—Orig-

FIVE CONFIRMATIONS. WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.-The senate today confirmed the following nominations: Chief justice of the supreme court of New

Mexico, James O'Brien, of Minnesota Registers of land offices-Joseph W. Me-Surveyor general of California, William H. Pratt.

Postmaster-Missouri: G. W. Smith,

Sweet Springs. GO BACK ON THEIR WATER WORKS. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 27 .- An ordinance passed the upper house of the city council tonight decreeing that upon the expiration of the franchise of the National Water Works company the city will re-fuse to renew the franchise, grant a new one or buy the cempany's plant. ordinance also provides that the city shall construct water works of its own at a cost of \$2,000,000. A similar ordinance was defeated in the lower house two weeks defeated in the lower house two weeks ago but by a subsequent action it was determined to reconsider the matter. Pending the reconsideration the ordinance mysteriously disappeared. The present ordinance must pass the lower house and receive the signature of the mayor to become a law. Should this occur the property of the water company, valued at \$4,000,000, will be rendered practically worthless. The majority of the stock of the National Water Works company, which operates plants in sweral of by, which operates plants in several of larger cities, is held in New York and

THE FLOUR OUTPUT.

Philadelphia.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 27. - The Northwestern Miller says: With less mills running the flour output fell off some. The aggregate production for the week was 117,740 barrels, against 137,400 barrels the week before, and 96,250 barrels for the same time in 1889. About two-thirds of this flour was made by two firms. contagious diseases among domestic ani- greater number of mills are running this contagious diseases among domestic animals. This bill, which is intended as a substitute for various measures on the same topic that have been before the senmand for flour. C. A. Pillsbury, one of
the provided that a bureau of animal industry shall be established. The secretary
of agriculture shall prepare and enforce
rules for the suppression and extirpation
of all diseases of cattle, especially pleuroprenumonia. Cattle so affected shall not
be transported from one state to another.

The bill further provides that in order
to promote the appearance of live each.

THE STORM'S RANGE

WIDESPREAD THROUGHOUT KAN-SAS AND MISSOURI.

High Winds, Low Temperature and Considerable Snow Reported from All Points.

Winter Wheat well Protected by a General Snowfall-The Thermometer at About Zero.,

Dr. Sombart, of Coldwater, Murderer of Murphy, Released on \$10,000 Bond-Insurance Commissioner Wilder Censured by the A. C. U. W. for an Article Published - General Western News and Gossip.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 27.-Dispatches from Missouri and Kansas state that a blizzard from the northwest prevailed throughout those states today. The blizzard was preceded late last night by a snow storm during which snow fell to the depth of three or four inches, covering the winter wheat and shielding it from the severe cold. About 10 o'clock this marning the blizzard set in. The wind blew at a high rate of velocity and the thermometer fell to about zero. The fall of snow

Fossett Entitled to the Kingflisher Town Site-Property Holders Not Troubled.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The decision of the Kingfisher land office in the contest of the Kingfisher Town Site company vs. William Fossett has been reversed and the quarter declared lawfully possessed by the defendant.

The evidence goes to show that on the 22nd of last April Fossett located upon the following reasons: 22nd of last April Fossett located upon the 22nd of last April Fossett located upon the 160 acres from which the government land office was taken, but he did not make his filing until the 25rd, when at least 1,000 persons had located upon one side of it and ternal benefit societies and assessment in-

took possession in the name of the King-fisher Town Site company. Fossett, how-ever, maintained his claim to the land, and a contest was begun on behalf of the city.

Second—Because the legislature having by express provision of law exempted fra-ternal societies from the insurance depart-ment, it was not in his province to official-ity criticise or condemn the workings of

case decided that Fossett's time of settlement dated from the filing of his papers

FIRE AT SPRINGFIELD.

County Court House and Three Business Houses Completely Destroyed.

Special Despatch to the Dally Eagl SPRINGFIELD, Kan., Feb. 27,-At 4:30 o'clock yesterday a fire broke out in a building adjoining the Seward county court house, a two-story frame structure near the southwest corner of the public DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WATTS CASE. quare. The fire had made such headway Clurg, Springfield, Mo.; W. H. Clark, Lin-coln, Nebraska. than an hour four buildings were com-bletely destroyed. The county offices were to turn the tables against the Watts fami-

The losses, aside from the furniture and papers of the county offices, is as follows:
Iwo story building and hardware stock
owned by G. W. Winn; two story courthouse building, owned by J. M. Adams;
one story office building, owned by Dr. J. H. B. Adams, occupied as a drug
story drug stock mostly saved. Total loss in all, \$10,000; insurance, \$2,000. The orligin of the fire is unknown.

ADMITTED TO BAIL

Dr. Sombart, Murderer of Murphy, Released by Habeas Corpus. pecial Dispatch to the Dally Eagle

COLDWATER, Kan., kels 27.-The habeas corpus proceedings begun before Judge Wideman, probate judge for Comanchcounty, Friday, February 14, to secure the release on buil of Dr. J. E. Sombari, who shot W. D. Murphy on the streets of this city Sunday, January 20, culminated tolay in the release of the doctor on a bond of \$10,000 for his appearance at the term of the district court beginning Tuesday. H. A. Smith, county attorney, States District Attorney Adv. of Newton T. G. Chambers, C. O. Blake, of Coldwater, are attorneys for the state, and Judge H. C. Siuss, of Wichita; Ed Semple, of Medicine Lodge; G. W. Vickers, Benjamin Howarth, W. H. Carter, and W. J. Jackson, of Coldwater, for the defendant

THE SANTA FE'S LEGAL AFFAIRS. TOPERS, Kan., Feb. 27.-A. A. Hurd, general attorney of the Atchison, Topeks & Santa Fe railroad, today submitted bla annual report to the company. This state-

pany January 1, 1800, in which the total amount claimed was \$1,98,123.45, and of which the total amount recovered was \$48,672.51. The total number of cases in litigation was 755 during the year, and the total amount claimed \$2,574,133.80. The total number of cases finally disposed of was 287, and the number pending January 1, 1839, 488. During the year 275 new cross were commenced against the company, in which the total amount claimed was \$1,479,122.50. The amount recovered in these suits was \$1,667.38.

A NEW RAILROAD.

A Line to be Built from Guthrie to Fort Reno via Reno City.

CALDWELL, Kan., Feb. 28.—The directors of Guthrie, Reno City & Fort Reno Railway company met here this afternoon and elected officers as follows: President, O. Jennings; first vice president, O. W. Me Neal; second vice president, J. T. Sanders; secretary and treasurer, C. M. Kellar, chief engineer, C. J. Dubois. Directors of the company are, for the first year: H. H.

the company are, for the first year: H. H. Sloan and Erra Harris, New York; D. T. Flynn and S. W. McNeal, Guthrie; C. J. Dubols and C. M. Kellar, Reno City. O. Jennings, Anthony Beeson, Caldwell; J. T. Sanders, Wellington.

A charter has been granted by the secretary of state and work will be begun as soon as possible. The road will be a standard gauge and will run from Guthrie to Fort Reno, via Reno City, a distance of forty-two miles. The company has a capital stock of \$200,000. The offices will be located at Caldwell, with a branch office at Reno City.

WILDER CENSURED.

The A. O. U. W. Criticises an Article Incorporated in His Report.

WINFIELD, Kan., Feb. 27.-The grand lodge A. O. U. W., which has been in sevon in this city for the past week, closed

bill to have foreclosure proceedings instituted against the Union Pacific Railroad
company and have the railroad placed in
the hands of a government receiver. Mr.
Anderson said that the whole west and
especially Kansas, was deeply interested
in the subject, as that section had for years
suffered from excessive freight rates and
railroad combinations to bleed the people.

Tensor The fall of snow daring the day was light and occasioned its labors today. This has been one of the
most successful gatherings of the kind
ever held in this city for the past week, closed
during the day was light and occasioned its labors today. This has been one of the
most successful gatherings of the kind
ever held in this state.

After installing, the officers, the lodge
passed the following resolutions. After
referring to the fact that the legislature of
Kansas had exempted fraternal and beneficial organizations from the operation of the insurance laws, and to the publication by Insurance Commissioner Wilder in his annual report of an article from the Troy Chief, which they term an unjust, unirue and malicious attack upon fraternal bene-

such societies.

Third-Because the article was in itself, both in word and apirit, untrue and was

ment dated from the filing of his papers and that, therefore, the town site company was the rightful possessor, having made filing previous to Fossett.

The general land office decides that the contestee's claim is valid, inasmuch as he fully established the fact that he was on the land soon after noon April 22 and in advance of all other claimants, and that the time of filing the papers had no effect upon the case.

NO DETERMENT TO THE CITY.

Special dispatch to the badly Facie.

Kingfisher, Ok., Feb. 27.—The action of the general land office in reversing the decision of the local office in the contest while the values of our pusiness, in circular of the general land office in reversing the decision of the local office in the contest

ance companies.

Fifth—Because a vituperative article like the one aliuded to has no proper place in a dignified public document representing the newer and authority of the state. Sixth—Because in the publication thereof the insurance commissioner of Kansas has offered a gratuitous insult to thousands of his fellow citizens holding membership in our own and kindrest organizations which are doing a large and charitable work through the protection which they offer and give and are saving not only distress to the families of their benificiaries but a burden of tax to the people in the relief furnished to those who might otherwise become a public charge.

TARLEQUAR, L. T., Feb. 27.-Within the past two days there have been some interesting developments in the celebrated Watts intruder case, which are calculated pietely destroyed. The county offices were supplied with large safes, and although the records are badly damaged only a part of the indexes were completely destroyed. The court room was in the second story of the building; also the sheriff's office. The court library and sheriff's records are a complete loss, and also the city records. ion of the agent, and it is feared that in case of the decision being adverse to the intruders, the United States troops will be

required in ejecting them. NEW CORPORATIONS. Torus, Kan., Feb. 27.-The following

new corporations were granted charters by the secretary of state: The United States Land and Loan company of Topeka, capital stock \$1,00,000. The United States Mall and Stage Houte company of Hutchiuson, capital stock

The Minneapolis Improved Typewriter company of Minneapolis; capital stock, \$1,000 The Methodist Episcopal church of Fair-

THE BLIZZARD AT EMPORIA EMPORIA, Kan., Feb. 37 .- Snow and hail have fallen here to the depth of two inches during the past twenty-four hours. A blizzard of moderate velocity is in progress from the northwest, and the mercury registers about zero. It has ceased soow-log. The show has caused no delay to travelso far as is known. It will afford excellent protection to winter wheat.

THE CHANGE OF STATE TREASURER Toyena, Kan., Feb. 27 .- The prepara tions being made to turn over the office of state treasurer to Major William Sims will be completed Saturday, on which day he will assume control. Major Sims has re-instated H. R. Moore, formerly assistant state freasurer, in his old position. Mr. Moore has furnished bonds in the sum of nearly \$2,000,000.

NORTH DAKOTA'S LOTTERY BILL BISMARCK, N. D., Feb. 27.-This significant telegram has been received by the